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SENT DEPARTMENT 1284, REPEATED INFORMATION LONDON 232, TEHRAN 181,  
BASRA UNNUMBERED, KHORRAMSHAHR 15IRAQ TIMES DEC. 4 REPORT OF FIRST PART QASSIM'S SIX-HOUR STATEMENT  
TO PRESS DEC. 2 INCLUDES FOLLOWING VERSION HIS REMARKS ON RELATIONS  
WITH IRAN:"SOME PEOPLE MIGHT INQUIRE ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF FRONTIER PROBLEMS  
BETWEEN OURSELVES AND FRIENDLY AND NEIGHBORLY IRAN. THESE PROBLEMS  
USUALLY ARISE BETWEEN NEIGHBORS AND GET SOLVED BY PEACEFUL METHODS."WE ACCEPT INTERVENTION FROM NO COUNTRY AND WE REFUSE TO COME UNDER  
PRESSURE FROM ANY COUNTRY."IN 1936/37 WHEN THE LATE BAKR SIDQI WAS PRIME MINISTER AT THE THE  
TIME OF MILITARY COUP D'ETAT, VERY STRONG PRESSURE WAS BROUGHT TO BEAR  
UPON THE GOVERNMENT WHEN THE GOVERNMENT WAS IN A PRECARIOUS SITUATION.  
NEIGHBOR IRAN ACQUIRED FIVE KILOMETERS IN SHATT AL-ARAB IN THE DIREC-  
TION OF ABADAN. THAT WAS NOT A RIGHT AND WAS DONE SO THAT THE OIL COM-  
PANIES COULD AVOID PAYING TAXES TO IRAQ. THAT MEASURE WAS MADE AT A  
TIME WHEN IRAQ WAS IN A CRITICAL SITUATION AND IN THE HOPE THAT FRON-  
TIER PROBLEMS WOULD BE SOLVED. BUT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN SOLVED UNTIL  
NOW. UNLESS THEY GET SOLVED IN THE FUTURE, WE ARE AT LIBERTY TO  
REDEEM THAT STRIP AS A PART OF THE MOTHER HOMELAND. HOWEVER WE HOPE  
THAT THESE FRONTIER PROBLEMS WILL BE SOLVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH JUSTICE  
AND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS SO AS TO MAINTAIN GOOD NEIGHBORLY  
RELATIONS IN LINE WITH JUSTICE AND RIGHT."

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